

My 87-year-old father has advanced dementia. Five years ago he had a complete gastrectomy, because of stomach cancer. I moved in with him at the end of 2003 because he'd lost control of his day-to-day affairs, such as paying bills, buying food, etc. Neighborhood "operators" were preying upon him; one actually marched to the bank with him, and waited in the teller line with him, for cash. Disreputable contractors were flocking to the house. His chimney was "cleaned" three times in 2003, although he's burning natural gas. He paid in excess of \$800 for one of those "chimney cleanings." Upwards of \$300/month was going to phony charities and "sweepstakes." I removed the phone from his room, because, when I left the house for only a few minutes, he authorized yet one more cold-calling "chimney contractor," who he couldn't even identify, to come here to clean his chimney. The NJ Do Not Call List has protected him from these opportunists, and it's distressing that you wish to return to them their access to him, so they can attempt to "fleece" him so outrageously once more.